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Examiner: V. Portner

For: Nucleic Acid and Amino Acid Sequences Relating to
Enterobacter cloacae for Diagnostics and Therapeutics

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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Restriction Requirement dated 15 September 1999, the period for response having been extended to 15 December 1999, by the concurrent filing of a Petition for Extension of Time and corresponding fee, Applicants hereby elect Examiner's Group I, directed to Claims 1-13, drawn to isolated nucleic acid molecules, vectors, host cells, and a method of using said host cells to produce a polypeptide, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1. Applicants' election is made without traverse.

In accordance with the Examiner's requirement to select an isolated polynucleotide sequence encoded by a polypeptide, Applicants elect the polynucleotide sequence encoded by the polypeptide SEQ ID NO: 7056.

Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the inventions of Groups II-VI (Claims 14-28). Applicants do not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the inventions of Groups II-VI.

In view of Applicants' response, it is believed that the elected claims are in condition for immediate allowance, and the same is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions, she is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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